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ATTENTION OF:

Dear Family Member:

Command Sergeant Major Swingler and I want to welcome you to the Army family. Your Soldier is spending the next 5-6 months with us in the 447th Signal Battalion getting his/her technical training to prepare them to be an Information Technology Specialist. We are proud to have you and your Soldier as a member of our family and are here to help you with whatever issues that you have in your adjustment to the military life.

We have enclosed the "MISSION: READINESS, A PERSONAL AND FAMILY GUIDE" that can get you thinking about what you can do to prepare yourself and your family for your first duty station or for the first time your Soldier has to deploy or leave for an extended period of time. This pamphlet addresses issues that you should begin to think about and provides useful information on benefits available to you and your family.

One of the benefits is the Family Readiness Group (FRG) which will be available to you when you get to your first duty station. The FRG is an organization that is designed to provide you the support you need when your Soldier is not around. You will need to get in contact with your FRG upon arrival at your first duty station.

Again—welcome to the Army team and thank you for the service of your family. You can get more information on the Army and Fort Gordon website at www.gordon.army.mil The 15th Signal Brigade web page is at <http://www.gordon.army.mil/sigbde15/>.

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